

**CER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

Members Present: Patti Johnson, Tim Johnson, Ross Magnuson, Mike Miller, Bonnie Pehrson, Audrey Nelsen, Rachel Smith, Liz VanDerBill

Staff Present: Steve Brisendine, Brad Bonk, Kevin Madsen, Becky Sorenson

In the absence of Chairman Eric Banks, Steve presided over the meeting and asked new members Ross Magnuson and Audrey Nelsen to introduce themselves. Steve informed the Board that Matt Dawson has also joined the Board but was unable to make this meeting. Pablo Obregon and Bill Borth are interested in joining the Board. Presently there is one School opening, with another City opening in March. Steve asked Tim Johnson and Audrey Nelsen to present Pablo Obregon's name to the mayor as being an interested resident in joining the Joint Powers Board.

Park Planning: Steve mentioned that Don Winkler & Matt Johnson from Mid Minnesota Development Commission are putting together a proposal to create a park plan for the Community that will be presented at the March meeting. The hope is that this plan would be completed by the end of summer to utilize for 2014 and beyond. Steve said that Bruce Peterson would like to see a park plan in place that he can present to developers of new housing additions. Patti Johnson asked if there was a policy or by-law requiring new developers to dedicate space for a park in their development. Steve responded that currently there is not to his knowledge. Patti also asked if there was a minimum size that parks are required to be. Steve said there is no requirement, mentioning Canigo Park (one of our smallest) as an example of a very small park.

Liquor License – Curling Bonspiel : Steve introduced Mike Miller, who presented the Willmar Curling Club's request for a liquor license for the upcoming Mixed Nationals Curling tournament which the Civic Center Arena is hosting in March. The opening ceremonies are March 16, with games Sunday thru Wednesday. The semi-finals start Thursday March 21 with the championship game on Saturday the 23rd of March. Kevin Madsen stated that Brady Clark, captain of the National Men's Champion will be present to represent Washington during the Mixed tournament. Patti Johnson made a motion to approve the request for the liquor license for the mixed doubles national curling Bonspiel . The motion was seconded by Bonnie Pehrson and carried.

Steve said that the amphitheatre project is going to the Community Development Committee for approval of enlisting the services of Engan and Associates to prepare a scope of services for that project.

Civic Center Capital Improvements: There are three approved projects for 2013. The first is replacing the dasher boards in the Blue Line Arena before the next ice season.

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The Blue Line Center was built in 1998 and the boards that were installed at that time were 20+ years old. The plan is to move the dasher boards from the Cardinal Arena to the Blue Line Arena and purchase new boards for the Cardinal Arena. Staff is recommending this project enlist the services of Becker Arena Products to purchase and install the new dasher boards. This will allow compatibility between the two Arenas, thus reducing the number of replacement glass partitions needed to be on hand for repairs. This project will hopefully be done in April/May for the Blue Line Arena and late September for the Cardinal Arena. The amount budgeted is \$155,000 (\$125,000 for the new boards and \$14,500 to move existing boards to the Blue Line Arena is the quote received to date.)

The second project is the replacement of the cedar shakes on the slanted roof portion at the front of the building which are original to the building and starting to leak. The plan is to go with a steel product which will lower insurance costs (due to replacing the cedar). Kevin is in the process of getting estimates on the cost of the job.

The third project is the wheelchair lift for the Blue Line Arena. An area is set aside as the most suitable for the lift. The hope is to get this project done within the year thus putting us in compliance with ADA regulations on accessibility.

Brad Bonk talked about wrapping up the winter leagues. He is working on building the spring schedules. The Women's Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for March 2 and has 22 teams registered. He has a Co-Rec Volleyball Tournament scheduled for March 16. Brad also mentioned he is going to offer a wood bat softball league this summer if enough interest is generated.

In Rob Baumgarn's absence, Brad talked about plans to re-vamp summer programs, making better use of part-time staff. The main issue has been to decrease staff costs due to the cuts the City Council has made. Steve mentioned that he would come back to the Council with budget revisions due to the increase in income we have generated.

Kevin mentioned that the Figure Skating Show is coming up this weekend. They will be taking out ice next week in the Cardinal Arena getting ready for dry floor events.

Liz VanDerBill stated that the School District Strategic plan is being compiled and should be unveiled in the very near future.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 22.